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By Order of the Court of Directors.

T. JACKSON. Chici Mansger, Hongkong, 24th July, 1807.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTERS OF SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from SATUR-DAY, the 31st July current, to SATURDAY, the rath day of August next, (both days inclusive) during which pericd no TRANSFER OF SHARES CAN BE REGISTERED

By Order of the Court of Directors,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Hangkong, 24th July, 1807. .: [H:12]

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On the 15th Inst., at the Yoko' ama General Hospital, CAMILLE DE LASSUCHATTE, of Paris; aged 28 years.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 1897.

ILLEGAL TAXATION IN SOUTH CHINA.

We publish to-day a very interesting budget of correspondence which has been carried on between the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and Mr. BYRON BERNAN. Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton: It appears from these documents that on the 16th instant Messrs. ARNHOLD KAR-BERG & Co. called the attention of the Chamber to certain notifications issued with the approval of the Chief Director of the Lekin Bureau in the province of Kwangsi, the object being to give effect 1379a | to the decision of the Provincial Treasurer, the Provincial Judge and the Director of the Lekin Bureau to farm the "Cho lekin" tax on matches and kerosine oil to a syndicate with a capital of \$300,000, and one Leung Kuang Yuan is stated to be the head of the syndicate. Messrs. ARNHOLD KARBERG & Co. pointed out that the notification the Bureau amounted to an infraction of treaty rights and contended-and rightly contended-that were nothing done to prevent native officials from carrying out their scheme the free development of trade on the West River would be checked and an illegal monopoly of the trade in matches and kerosene oil be secured to the syndi-"cate. With commendable promptitude the Chamber of Commerce took up the question, and in a letter, dated 20th July, to Her Majesty's Consul at Canton adopted Messrs. Annhold Khrberg & Co's. views and expressed the opinion that the monopoly would "render the Transit Pass privilege to a large extent useless." The Chamber further stated that it proposed to address Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD on the subject, probably by wire, but before doing so would be glad to have Mr. BRE-NAN's opinion on the case. The latter lost no time in replying to the Chamber and in the course of a lengthy communication stated " the terms of the concession vir(ually give the syndicate a monopoly of the trade in these articles and to this extent it is undoubtedly a violation of the treaties: But apart from this, the tax itself is illegal: it is called a destination or terminal tax, but it is in reality an additional import duty, and the intention is that it should be collected from Chinese importers as soon as the oil is brought into the province, whatever its ultimate destination may be." He then stated that he had already fully informed the British Minister on the subject and as a question of tactics ventured "to doubt the expediency of attacking the procedure in Kwangsi when the same thing on a much larger scale is going on in Kwangtung," where a similar tax is farmed by a syndicate in the province; and within the treaty port of Canton itself, where according to the tariff kerosine should reach the consumer after paying a duty of about nine cents per case, a further tax of 30 cents, is imposed, and has been imposed for years, without any complaint having been made from any quarter. In reply Mr. R. M. GRAY, Chairman of the Chamber, pointed out that while the propsed illegal farm erected in Kwangsi aimed at a monopoly of the whole trade in the articles farmed the Kwangtung farm "Is established merely for the collection of the lekin and taxes without interference with the trade such as in designed by the Kwangsi syndicate.' And he added-and there are Jew indeed who will not echo his sentimentsthat "the foreign trade in China generally has decided cause for congratulation in the watchful and energetic attitude now adopted by its present consular and diplomatic representatives." Three days later we find Mr. Breman in a position to inform the Hongkong Chamber that he had received a despatch from the Viceroy of the Liang Kuang stating that the syndicate entrusted with the collection of the tax on oil and matches has been instructed to suspend operations. This is highly satisfactory, but it indicates that although the cunning attempt to commit a glaring breach of treaty rights has "missed fire yet there is no intention on the part of the narrow-minded native officials to shelve the scheme for ever, for Mr. BRENAN says the syndicate has been instructed only to suspend operations. It is comprehensible that this may be another example of the way in which Chinese officials endeavour to back down with as little loss of "face" as possible, but the fact of high officials being concerned in the affair and of the Viceroy of Llang Kwang being privy thereto demonstrates the necessity for a very sharp watch on their movements, and I their example the advisability of the Tsungli Yamen being again induced to cause the Viceroy Kwang provinces setting forth in the most Limited, and the New Balmoral Gold Mining explicit manner possible the conditions

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the treaties, trade may be carried on in

TELEGRAMS

REUTER'S MESSAGES.

THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN. LONDON, July 26th.

of Japan to Senator Sherman's note, replying to the original Japanese protest against annexation of the Hawalian Islands by the United States, indicates that Japan will continue to wage a diplomatic war, and may possibly go further, to prevent the annexation. The reply further states that it is impossible for Japan to acquiesce in the probable consequences of the extinction of the Hawalian sovereignty. It is believed in New York that this only means a supture of relations and not war.

GERMANY. The Prussian Lower House has, by a majority of four, a second time rejected a stringent Covernment Bill for a amending the law for empowering the police to disselve public

(From Kebe Chronicle).

THE HAWAIIAN QUESTION.

Tokto, July 17th. Dispatches from Mr. Shimamura, the Japanese Minister at Ffonolulu, were received yesterday at the Foreign Office. The following is reported

to be the gist of the Minister's report :-Mr. Shimamura demanded a definite answer from the Hawallan Government to the Japanese demands by the 25th ult., but falled to obtain a satisfactory reply. Thereupon he had an interview with Mr. Smith, the Hawallan Minister for Finance, in which he took up a decisive attitude. Mr. Smith appeared somewhat dismayed at this, and asked the Japanese Minister to communicate with President Dole. Mr. Shimamura therefore saw the President, who stated that he proposed to ask that the questions at issue be submitted to arbitration, and suggested that Mr. Shimamura should request his Government to accede to this course. The proposal for arbitration was officially communicated to Mr. Shimamura on the 28th ult. by Mr. Cooper, the Minister for Foreign Affairs." Councillos Aklyama has therefore postponed his departure until the receipt of further instructions from Count Okum.

It appears that the Japanese Government has not yet made up its mind concerning the proposal of the Hawalian G vernment, and special Cabinet Council will probably be called to discuss the question. It is, believed, however, that the Ministry is inclined to accept the proposal to submit the dispute to arbitration. (Official Telegram.)

WASHINGTON, July 16:h. T e Committee on Foreign Affairs in the U.S. S-na'e reported to the House on the 14th ins', on the proposed Hawaiian Annexation Treaty, recommending the adoption of the measure. It is, however, not expected that the Senate will discuss the Treaty during the present Sestion.

[The above telegram was received by the Government from Mr. Hosbl, the Japanese Minister at Washington.]

(Special to the Fapan Mail). WRECK OF A WHALING VESSEL.

HARODATE, July 14th. The American whaling barque Cape Horn Pigeon has stranded outside the harbour. wreck is rapidly breaking up, but a portion of the valuable cargo of sperm oil is being salved

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

POLL RD'S Opera Co. to-morrow night.

THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.40 per £ THE U.S.S. Yorkiown arrived at Nagasaki on the 21st last, from Kobe.

ANOTHER fall in the value of the once "almighty dollar," To-day it is quoted a 18, 10 % 1. per \$.

LIEUT.-COL. D. S. Cuninghame, 1st Punjak Cavalry, has been appointed Road Commandant with the Tochi Field Force.

Two foreign experts to be employed at th Japanese Government Iron Foundry are reported to have been engaged in Germany.

Austria has ordered from Yanow's four firstclass torpede-boils. They are to be larger than the Vipir type and are to steam 28 knots.

THE Foochow correspondent of the Shanghal Shenpao reports that the bubould plague in the native city and suburbs is most serious and that people are dying very rapidly. The centre of the plague is in the vicinity of the Tartar Guild-

LIEUT.-GENERAL Nogl, Governor-General Formosa, now staying in Toklo, will, it is said return to Formosa carly next month, by which time it is thought all matters concerning the Formoran administration will have been arranged by the Central Authorities.

THE torpedo-destroyers Earnest and Griffon had their three hours' speed triels May 24th and June 1st, and developed speeds of 30.12 and 30.15 respectively. These bests were built by Palmer & Co., Yarrow-of-Tyne, and the firm has turned out nine of these crafts for the British navy during the pest year.

A TELYGRAM received at Tokio on the 18th inst from Telpch states that Mr. Mizune, Director of the Administrative Bureau, Mr. Yamaguchi Director of the Finance Department, and Mr. Dol, Director of the Communications Department, Formosa, sert in their resignations on the 17th last, and many other officials followed

MESSRS. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS AND SON, General Managers of Olivers Freehold Mines, Co, Limited, report that a crushing of 150 tons of Eureka quarts has yielded & an ounce to the ton. Good progress is being made. Queens shaft is suck to a depth of 275 feet.

the southern provinces of the Empire. If the FRIECO papers received by the City of Rio yesterday contain announcements to the effect the due fulfilment of treaty obligations that at New York on the 24th June Peter Maher they are to be pitied; but it is clearly the and Tom Sharkey were finally matched to fight it that attempts to kill the goose that lays each deposited \$2,500 to bind the match, and the golden eggs shall be frustrated even on the and August another deposit of \$2,500 although it is impossible to teach the each is to be handed to Mr. Richard K. Fox, Chinese that the best way to get the gold who is the stake-holder. The battle is to come is to give the goods the most perfect off before the sed November.

GARRISON Sergeant-Major Newberry is anxious to find an owner for a new Royal Standard left at Happy Valley during the late Naval and Military review. An old one belonging to the Military Authorities has been taken away, and if the person who has it will communicate with the The New York Herald states that the reply | Garrison Sergeant-Major he will get the new one retureed.

> THE Tochi Field Force is moving against the Madda Khels. Several of our tentries have been shot by the tribesmen, who have also attacked a convoy. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders have lost several men through sunstroke, but all is going well with the Rifle Brigade. It is not yet known whether other tribes will join their neighbours in fighting the British or not. Captain W. D. Gordon, of the 36th Sikhs, has been murdered at Parchina, in the Kurram Valley, br a sepoy, who had run amuk. MANY foreigners, especially the survivors of the ill fated P. and O steamer Bothara, who experienced his kind hospita'ity and cars, will be sorry to hear of the sudden death at North

> T'ungchow on the 30th of Jun last, through agol xy, of General Wuh Hung-lo, formerly Prigadier General of the Pescadore Islands. About two years ster the Bobhara disaster General Wu was transferred to a similar post at Yuanyang in Hupch province. When Peking was_ threatened with Japanese invasion the late General was transferred to the Chief Command of the North Tipogchou Military Circuit of Chibli province,post of great horour and importance in those days, as one of the guardians of the sacred Imperial capital. The late General leaves three sons, one of whom has attained high literary rank while the eldest son, we believe, holds a Taotal's rank in Chili province .- N. C. Daily News. IT is reported (cays the Kobs Chroxicis) that the

Mitsu Fishi Company has under considuration a scheme for building a shipbuilding yard in the v rin ty of Kobe that will be large enough to const uct a war vessel of the size of the Fuji Mr. Ckamoto Parumichi, one of the princips official of the Company, recently arrived in Kobe and 's said to have entered usen ne of as tions for the purchase of the Wado shrine and the grounds attac'ed thereto amounting to some 1,5co tsubo [atsubo is 3.953 eq. vd-] To this w te added the promiser of he Wads Warehousing Co., for which it is said the Mitsu Bishi offers 45,000 yen, and also other property adjoining. The paid-up capital of the "Verehousing Cq. Is 157,500 ; en so that I' the figures given are cor ect the Company will make a large prefit by selling. The Government is said to have sug gested the undertaking to the Mi's's Bishi which finds its works at Nagasa'el too limited and they locality unstituble for expansion.

CONSIDERABLE damage was done by the thunderstorm which passed over Shangbal on the night of the 20th fast. In West Hongkew 24 native houses collapsed causing the death of two men, and injuries to ten others, eight of whom sustained very severe burt six other houses in the same locality fell? in on the 21st inst.; but fortunately without causing injury to any one The reofs of two tea shops in Canton Road fell in, all, htly ir juring several people. One of the flegstaffs in front of the temple of the Queen Heaven in the North Honan Road was struck by lightning, which scored and sipped the wood from top to bottom, but the stone pedestal in which it is set escaped without injury. Durlog the storm the electric lights throughout th settlement suddenly went out for a fraction of second and the electric bells in many houses were thrown out of order and would not ting .- N. C. Datly News.

China Merchants', who was appointed Taotal of North Tungchov, last year, but who has not Appointments to hasten his journey up North to his post, and will therefore leave Shanghal very shortly. Mr. Shen's success r it was at first thought would be Wong Fa-nung (Huang Chienyear) the Tientsin Manager and brotige of Sheng Hauan-hual, but, according to the commended to the Throne for this office Ku Chao-hai who, pravious to the handing over of Formesa to the Japanese, held the dial post of Provincial Judge and Tactal at Taipehia, Formosa. His Excellency is a native of Secthow, and since the war has lived in retirement in the country market town of Modo, some twenty-five miles outside Soochow city. May's Cup :-The new manager, it is learned from enquiries made here, is expected to arrive to take over his duties within the next three weeks or so.

THE report of the Committee regarding British Kowloon College was submitted to a meeting of the inhabitants of Kowloon held last evening in the Hon, C. P. Chater's bungalow. Mr. H. J. Polmes presided, and at his request Mr. T. H. Reid gave an outline of the present position of Mairs. He said that the Committee had been Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Cooke, having been particularly energetic. Considerable correspond. ence had passed between the Committee and the Government, the outcome of it being that the Government had offered a grant of \$8,000 towards the building of a school. The Committee estimated that the cost of the building would be \$11,000 or \$12,000. Mr. Reid also announced that Messrs. J. D. Humphreys and Son had promised \$3,000 towards a teachers! guarantee fund and it was expected that an additional \$1,500 would be contributed by the in habitants. In reference to the offer made by the Government Mr. Reid seid he feit sure that Mr. G. Stewast 3 " the residents would do all they could not to Mr. V. A C. Hawkins 5 make the position of the Government too Mr. M. W. Slade ... 8 oncrous, but it was generally felt that the sum offered was not large enough and that there to a finish. The representatives of the "sloggers" ought to be greater facilities for the education of European children in Kowlood. On the motion of Mr. Main, seconded by Mrs. Hayward, it was resolved to sak the Government to locresso its offer to \$12,000, for which sum an excellent school bould be esected. A new Committee was then elected and the meeting concluded.

IT is reported that a dispatch from Paris was received by the Japanese Government on the 17th July to the effect that the session of the French Chambers had been closed without the new Treaty with Japan being brought forward for debate. This means that the consideration of the Treaty is postponed till next ression.

FASTER than any vessel in the world was the Billds, the speedy steam launch belonging to Burgess Warren, of Philadelphia, on her preliminary trial trip on June 18th. The little vessel is the product of Mosher, the noted naval architect. She loweredithe world's record by covering a measured mile on the Hudson in a minute and 38 seconds. This is at the rate of over thirty-six miles an hour and (says the Frisco Call) eclipses the speed record of the Turbinia, recently made in Europe.

A TRIPLE-SCREW ciniser named Hertha has tecently been launched at Stettle for the German navy. She is 350 feet in length by 57 feet 10 inches beam and displaces 5650 tons on 21 feet 8 inches mean draught. The horse-power is only to,000 collectively for the three engines, and the speed is intended to be 183 knots. The coal capacity at normal draught is 500 tons; The armament will consist of two 8.2-inch, eight 6-inch and ton 3.4-inch, all quick-firing guns, best es ten 12-pounders and four machine guns. DR. F. W. CLARK appeared at the Magistracy to-day as prosecutor against Mesers Gliman & Co., the Secretary of the H.K. Land Investment Co., and the Procurator for the Spanish Dominican missions. The charge was that of neglecting to clean and lime wash certain houses of which they are the owners, as required by sub-section 4 of Sec. 13 of Ordinance 24 of 1887. The representative of Gilman & Co. said that the cleansing and lime washing was supposed to be done by the lessee, one Chu Mah: When he received a notice from the Sanifary Board he informed the lessee but he dld not know whether it was done or not. Mr. Wodehouse Inflicted a fine of \$5. The Procurator for the Spanish Dominican Mirsions also _aid that the lesses had to do the work and he was also fined \$5. Dr. Clark said that he wished to withdraw the summons against the Land Investment Co. but Mr. Wodehouse said that the summons had already. been served and could not be withdrawn. He If file ed the same fine as in the previous cases. THE charge of adolterating whiskey against Hock Goon, Ricensee of the Grand Ho'el, was resumed at the Magistracy this morning. Mr. J. F. Reece, who appeared for the defence, said that the defendant was still ill and not able to appear. The points raised by him were that the ac'ual relier was resconsible and therefore it was the bar-tender and not Hock Goon. His second point was that it was not to the prejudice of the purchaser as the whiskey was only bought for analysis, and it was therefore not a breach in the section under which the charge was made. Dr. Clarke said that the Courte was at liberty to constitue the Ordinance in an intelligent manner. A certain quantity of whiskey was purchased by the Government and some of it was sent to be analysed. The remainder of it was still in his postession and itthere was no prejudice to the purchaser in the portion analysed, there was prejudice in that which remained with him and which was worth less than was paid for it. His Worship asked Inspector Reidie if there was any prejudice to him when 'he bought the whiskey and he said that he had asked for threeglasses of whiskey and not for any water. He could get any amount of water himself. His-Worship in deciding the case said "With regard to the point raised as to the liability of the actual seller rather than the landlord SHIN NENG-HU, the local Chief Manager of the of the inn, I find that the landlord is the responsible party. I also find that there is sufficient evidence of adulteration and, with regard to the prejudice of the purchaser, I shall take that as been able to leave for his new post, has recently | meaning purchaser in the absolute and that received urgent orders from the Board of Civil is not affected by the fact that the actual purchase was for the purpose of analysis and not for personal consumption. Wt regard to the evidence there is considerable condict between the two sides but I have no hesitation in saying that of the prosecution is stronger. I convict the defendant of the offence charged against bim, and with regard to the penalty I fine bim \$50 which I think will meet the case." N. C. Daily News' native correspondent at Mr. Reeco asked his Worship to state a case Peking, the Viceroy Wang of Tientsin has re- as he might be instructed to appeal. His Worship said that he would do so if Mr. Reece gave him notice.

POLO.

The following were the teams engaged in the quarterly Polo Tournament on the Causeway Bay Ground this evening for the Hon. T. H.

THE CLUB. WEST YORKS. Ceptala Burney, R.A. Mr. Tew Captain Phillips, A.D.C. Mr. Waod Mr. Lawford, R.N. Mr. Spencer Mr. Gordon Mr Gibson

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

These competitions were carried through between the 33rd and 16th inst., and attracted very very active since its election in January last, the | poor entries, particularly for the pool and sweepst. ker. The oppressive weather no doubt deterred many from competing. MACEWEN CUP.

Mr. C. A. Tomes 95 Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins ... 99 : 13 cutries. OPTIONAL SWEET.

Mr. C. A. Tomes 95. Mr. V. A. C. Hawkins ... 99 13 Mr. W. Taylor 107 5 entiler.

BOORY CUP. Mr. C. A. Tomes 2 down receiving 7 strokes

Mr. C. A. Tomer...... 101 6 entries. A succestful member of the Club has given a prize to be played for during August, Conditions of play will be duly posted in the CiubCATASTROPHE IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

COLLAPSE OF TWO HOUSES.

MANY PERSONS INJURED, AND SOME KILLED.

One of the most serious accidents that has occurred in Hongkong for some time past took place in Queen's Road West at 8 s.m. to-day when houses Nos, 248 and 250 collapsed. The result as far as known up to noon was that 13 persons had been extricated from the rules and sent to the Government Civil Hospital and it was feared that at least one man under the debris was dead, while the upper portions of the bodies of two others were in sight.

As to, the cause of the catastrophe it is thought to be due to a fire that occurred shortly after 12 o'clock last night in the second floor room of No. 248. The ground floor is occupied as a lantern shop and the upper floors are reported to have been empty, but the police believe they were used by gamblers. Deputy of some of the plain iff's witre uses, the last lot Superintendent McDonald had charge the Fire Brigade and got the cutbreak nunder in half an hour, the flames being confined to the rafters and roof of the kitchen and the damage was only slight. Before leaving the premises the usual police guard was posted and nothing further took place till 8 a.m. to-day when the Central Fire Station received word that the two houses mentioned had fallen in. Mer were at once despatched and found that the two upper floors had completely collapsed leaving nothing but a pile of ruins. It was soon ascertained that the inmates of the lantern shop had made their escape but their neighbours were not so fortunate. Among the rules could be seen several unfortunates struggling and cries for help came, from many quarters. The police under Sergeant MacDonald, and firemen under Assistant Foremen McLennon and Gauld set to work with a 'will, and as the Government Civil Hospital ambulances arrived they were freighted with the injured men and despatched justified. The defendants are therefore to the hospital. After 12 men had been got out three more were seen uncovered to the w ist, but their lower limbs were planed down by timbers and great masses of bricks and rubbish. After half an bour's work or more the firemen and police aided by a gang of coolies got one of the men free. The poor fellow seemed to be to great paln and he suffered too from being exposed so long to the sun's burning rays and the cholding drat. The workers were next huslly attending the other two, but it was feared that one of them would succumb before he could be extricate.". Cries were heard issuing from under a pile of bricks near the right front of the place. Encouraging answers were given and all hands struggled hard to reach the man. The cries however ceased after a time and there is every reason to suppose that death ended the unfortunate fellow's agony. The last man t ken out was lifted to the ambulance by P.C. Mac Swayed and when placed in the vehicle he gave evidence of heing seriously injured. No 250 was occupied by a barber on the ground floor: the first floor was an opium divan and the second as a coolie bouse. It is not known how many persons were in the place at the time and he weskers are of opinion that their search will geveal more victims. The whole of the roof timbers, flooring etc. of No. 250 has been placed out in the road and the only trace of the bullding gemaining is the beloony over the Datkway and the ominous-looking heap of bricks, etc., inside_No. 248 is a complete wreck the floors from above having crashed down into the shop and the ships of bright coloured isnieros hanging still to, various parts give the scene of desolation a strange effect. The buildings are said to have been put up some is years ago and several experts who saw the walls' say that it is a wonder they did not come down before, seeing the way in which the bricks were put together, and the weak mortar. A portion of the western wall of No. 248 on the ground floor is standing to about the height of the celllog but it has a bulge that indicates it may go at any moment and discharge more of the roles upon the site of No. 250. Some of the injured appeared to be suffering severely from shock in addition to their bruises. The shop No. 248 was insured in the Chun On insurance office for \$800. The other floors were uninsured. With regard to the recent work it was suggested, and it seems reasonable enough, that some of the unemployed men at the Sallors' Home might have been sent for. They would have been glad to earn a triff; and they would certainly have given the rifficers better aid than the gang of coolies, who were often in each other way.

in our midday extra the rescue party succeeded and not under either of these. Tokobashi or Nain freeing the men who were partly entombed | gal, but under Kond). The 36 silk screens are none, the worse for her adventure and soon | and especially by Mr. Sim, and in view of the | and threatened to become a danger a party of | unbelievable and false to say there were 2 cases | road with stout bamboo scaffoldings.

LATER DETAILS.

gang for coolies and some European officers and joists in the rear of the premises to enable I pronounce to be fraudulent. I mention the further charge of lekin duty. tons of this stuff to be removed and the officers

floor of 248 after the fire, says that the heat in the conduct in claiming for a total loss when in fact | tax for every two ties of kerosine oil, according | From the information so freely faid before | teln a visit, and is staying with Colonel Wagack. Western wall was extreme long after the flames the damage was very slight, and in charging an to the rules of Chap-Yik-Tong, farmer of Cho the Chamber, I gather that the Governor of The Baron looks as well and stalwart as his had been quelled. The roof of the balcony here excessive value for some articles, as for instance | lekin tax in the Province of Kwang-Tung, and | Kwangsi is on the point of withdrawing the | gallant heat, who, for all his seeming devotion Is badly chaired and that of the room inside in charging \$400 for a small lot of samples up- two dollars for every box of matches according privileges conceded to the syndicate, and it to the pleasures of life, is invariably very busy, was burnt through. A crack has been noticed stairs, in regard to the false entries in the list- to the rule of the Custom House of Kwang- would therefore seem superflaous for this | Matters are not progressing favourably with on the eastern wall in the third story of the six out of thirteen are proved impossible; in Tung. The farmer will give to the merchant a | Chamber to take up the question at the moment | the river conservancy scheme, and Consuls and shop adjoining. No. 250 and there is a big regard to the godown entry book kept by receipt and trade marks on receiving the Cho

been able to leave the institution.

IMPORTANT INSURANCE CASE.

In the British Consular Court for Hiogo and Osaka an insurance case which was watched with keen faterest by the mercantile communities to Tapan was concluded on the 16th instant. "It will henceforth be known as the case J. A Sylva v. Lucas & Co., agental for the Union Fire Insurance Company. The claim was for \$3,400 on a policy of fire insurance for \$4,000. Mr. J. C. Hall (British Consul) and Meiser. R. Hughes and P. S. Symes (Assessors) heard the

case and the following is the full text of the IUDGMENT. His Honour said :- This is a claim for fire insurance, the parties being present. The ficts in the case are s'mple. On the 8th of May last the plaintiff effected an insurance on goods in his godown for \$3 000 making, together with a previous insurance on farniture in the same estab ishment, \$4 000. Ti e nextin ildent occurs two days after when, according to the evidence of braid in the first consignment from Incaye and also 160 colls of straw braid from Inouve were delivered at his godown. On the 17th May fire occurs, which is extinguished close after the commencement. Thereupon plaintiff claims for \$3,400 odd as for a total loss of his goods. It is one of the conditions of the contract—it is the sixteenth article of the policy which provides | terms ; that any dispute relating to the claim if there be no suspicion of fraud shall be submitted to arbitration. There appears to have been a certain amount of reluctance on the defendant's part to state explicity what was abundantly evident from the beginning and very, reasonable that they suspected fraud. In free of the fact the to cases bamboos and o cases straw braid were practically uninjured, that the office forniture was untouched by fire or water, to may as plaintiff said in his letter of the day after the fire that the goods were tetally destroyed is simply an audacious falschood. No less strong terms are perfectly justified in refusing payment as for a total loss and the claim itself was so far preposterous as to give justifiable grounds of suspicion of even more deliberate fraud. When the case came to be looked into by the Court, I and the assessors sitting as Jury are agreed there is ample evidence of deliberate ifraud. The defendants in their pleading ossiert that the first so-called list was imperiect, which it undoub edly is, containing only four items. The second on which plaintiff sues, they assert its false and fraudulent. I have examined with the utmost care every jot and tittle of evidence put forward by the plaintiff and his witnesses in support of his list, particularly his I books, and the result of my examination is to convince me that the case recks with fraud from the beginning. I say nothing as to the origin of the fire. The so-ralled statement of claim consists of 13 items. "With regard to six of these I am convinced they are false and fraudulent. I proceed to enumerate, and to give some rearons for so thinking. To begin with, the numbers given in the purchase book by the plaintiff and his witnesses do not correspond. There is a difference at any rate of 130 colls of straw braid. An attempt has been mede to wipe out that by making a final entry in the so-called purchase book. In the course of his cross-examination, when asked for 680 coils of straw braid, the plaintiff categorically and explicitly proved 800 coils,-120 too much, The value of the so-called purchase book may be inferred from the fact there is no entry of the bamber although it was in godown and is there still. Nor is it in godown book. These bamboos are entered in the rough purchase book-without any date, but the succeeding entry is dated 13th. March, 1807. Plaintiff's witness, Inonye, gave very explicit evidence as to straw braid, 160 colls special quality at \$4.00, a written receipt was produced and the delivery seemed to be fairly proved, but on comparing his purchase book with the rough purchase book here again I find evidence of fraud. In the purchase book these 160 coils are set down as being marked No. 11.100 and as being supplied by Incure at \$4 a coll. In his rough purchase book I have discovered an entry relating undoubtedly to the same thing dated 10th January, 1897, but the name is not Incoye but Nishimura, and the number is 1080, 80 colle at \$4 co, and another item, also a special item, No. 1081, 80 colis at \$4.10 per coll, to be delivered in three months and to be packed in cardboard boxes. As regards the other fems, the bamboo screens, for these there are no less than three entries in the rough purchase book, where one is entered Tokohashi and the other two Negat, but in the After the publication of the above particulars | purchase book all three are entered in one name, pital. When the bricks had been cleared colton screens packed in a cases and the go loose The unfortunate creature who was first found | the bamboo blinds, but as those are much lighter |

with costs. In this, I may add, the Associates | gling, and if persons evade the lekin taxes on the Mr. Brushfield: Your Honour, in the matter of the goods still remaining in the godows, in view

of the expressions you have made I would ask that defendants be granted a lien. His Honour :- I will grant an order to show cause. I will hear that in Chambers.

The Court then rose -Kobe Herald.

THE KWANGSI KEROSINE AND MATCH FARM.

ACTION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. Mr. R. Chatterton Wilcox, Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, forwards us copies of the following correspondence on the subject of the erection of a farm or syndicate to collect lekin on kerosine and matches in Kwangil :--

MESSES. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO. TO . THE CHAMBER.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1897. Sir.-We herewith beg to draw the attention of the Chamber to a notice which the Chief Director of Lekin Ciffices of the prevince of Kwangsi has issued conjointly with the Treasurer, Judge, and Salt Commissioner of the same province in the course of the 4th month of the current Chinese year, pranting to a Chinese merchant, Loung Kuang Yuan; and others the privilege of

2.-A Company with a capital of \$300,000 is | hamper foreign trade on the West River. to be formed by the farmer to purchase kerosine oil and matches from foreign merchants for importation into the province. These goods shall be marked with the Company's trade mark and are to be exempt from any other charges whatever, except the customary import duty of 5 per cent. ad valorem levied by the Chinese Imperial.

Maritime Customs. Company a tax of 30 cents for every two | servant, tins of kerosine oil, and \$2 for every box of

4.—After the payment of this tax the Com- | Byron Bresan, Esq., C.M.G., H.B.M's Consul, pany's trade mark will be affixed to the goods and they will then be exempt from Any other taxation.

5.-The right is granted to the larmer or his Company to confiscate any matches or kerosine oil imported into the province of Kwangal on which the forementioned taxes have not been pald by the owner, and which do not'bear the trade mark of the Company.

The above are the principal points of this notice of which we enclose a copy, and we venture to hope that your Committee will consider the precedure of the Provincial Authorities of Kwangsi and protest against the same in the proper quarier.

The notice issued consists of a renewed violation against the treaties. It is highly detrimental to the free development of trade on the West River, and grants advantages to a privileged commercial society which almost amount to a

The action of these authorities is inconsistent with their proclamation issued last January granting the general use of transit passes in the province of Kwangsl. The opening of the West River to foreign trade and the transf pass question have only been settled for a short period, and after a long and desperate struggle in which your Chamber took such a prominent part, and we trust that your Committee will use strong pressure to prevent Chinese provincial authorities from impairing the advantages obtained after such large difficulties.-We have the honour, sir, to be your obedient servants, pp. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

(Signed) E. GORTZ. . Chatterton Wilcox, Erq, Secretary, Hong-

kong Chamber of Commerce.

. LIKIN TAX NOTICE.

The Chief Director of the Lekin-Office of the Province of Kwangsi, the Provincial Treasurer, the Provincial Judge, and the Salt Commissioner follows :-

celved from Tsu-Ping-Man, Perfect of Wuchow, and Tam-Kwok-Yan, expectant Prefect and Director of the Chief Lek'n Station, stating that's merchant named Leung-Kwong-un and others have farmed out the Cho Lekin Tax - i e., retained duty-levied on matches and kerosine si. The farmer is to pay to the Government of from the place whence cries were heard, two screens have disappeared, leaving no trace | Wuchow \$10,000 per annum, which is to be paid dead bodies were found, one above the other. behind. The same objevation might apply to in four instalments according to the four seasons. The farmer is to be excepted from all was doubtless he whose despairing cries were and filmsier I give plantiff- the benefit of the other charges whatever from the Government, heard by the workers. While shovelling out doubt. But, excluding that, I find out of thirteen | The farmer will found a Company with a capithe debris into the street a cat, which had been | Items claimed six as not only unproved but, in | tal of \$300,000 to purchase kerosine oil and smothered, made her appearance. Pass seemed | view of evidence given by de'endant's witnesses | matches from foreign countries and import them into the Province of Kwangsi. With the excepcleared off in search of more comfertable quar- apprarance of the godown when viewed by | tion of the import duty of 5per cent. ad-valorem ters. As the balconies were left without support | myself, and assessors-I find it improbable and | levied by the Custom House, he is free from allthe local taxes and itkin taxes when the said P. W. D. labourers shored them up from the 260 coils straw braid consumed under the articles are imported by him into any district or staircase. I consider it fraudulent to say prefecture of the Province of Kwangsi. If the Foreman Phillips had charge of the operations | there were a cases of silk screens officers in charge of all the lekin stations of this afternoon and under his directions a strong consumed in the same way, and that Kwangsi have prove that the said articles there were 4 boxes of special straw braid under | imported bear genuine trade marks of the said were busily engaged in hauling out the beams | the stairs and 36 loose screens. These six items | Company, they will let the goods pass without

the shove's and pickaxes to be got to work on more than suspicious circumstance, the absence . The said articles are to be imported by the receipt of your letter of the arst inst, on the the huge pile of fallen walls. There are many of dates in the plaintiff's purchase books. For farmer into all the places belonging to Kwang- subject of the new impost on kerosine and in the completion of her own line which is the first three pages, which appear to extend over si for sale at low prices for the convenience of matches in the province of Kwangsi, and beg being hursled forward with great energy, believe that, when the bottom of it is reached, three months, there are proper entries; on the the people. Any other merchants who want to to tender you the cordial thanks of this Chamber Ru: sian friends here pooh-pooh this and assure there will be further additions to add to the other pages not a slegie date is entered. There import matches and kerosine oil into any dis- for the light you have thrown on the question, me that there is no chance of the line being is a similar absence of dates in plaintiff's so- trict belonging to the Province of Kwang-si are | the nostinted trouble taken, and for the promp- | completed under five or six years. Ah | By the A fireman who was on duty on the second called godown book, In regard then to plaintiff's to pay to the farmer thirty cents as Cho lekin | titude of your reply.

regard to the fact that when an expert the same trade mark. Of the men taken to the Hospital to have was called in to examine the straw braid If matches and kerosine oil bear no trade share you have had in bringing the question to required to get cargo up and down even in plaintiff was able to give dates but not able to marks of the farmer they are said to be smuggled. | the attention of Her Majesty's Minister at Peking | lighters The Taku Tug and Lighter Co. a.e. On the wall of 252 on the second floor were give dates either to the defendants or to this Any person is allowed to selze the smuggled and his representations thereon have powerfully all right and its sharcholders are the only hanging to-day articles of clothing, a mirror an | Court, these discrepancies, in the quantities of goods and take them to the farmer. The contributed to compass that end, and for which persons who reap any benefit from this state of umbrella and baskets placed there by their goods, the numbers in dates, the absence of dates smuggled goods are to be confiscated. Seventy service the thanks of those interested are due, owners who were all unaware of the fearful and the variations between the evidence given per cent of the proceeds of the With reference to your remarks contrasting new and extensive premises. But the Municipal Contrasting new and extensive premises. But the Municipal Contrasting new and extensive premises. catastrophe that was so soon to take place, at the trial and in the rough purchase book, all smuggled goods is to be awarded to the present opposition to this filegal lekin pai Council are looking very anxious as their Great piles of clothing and furniture have combine to show the claim to have been corrupt | who selzes it and thirty per cent. to defray the farm crected in Kwangal with the apparent | principal source of revenue is of course cut off. been rescued intact and are stowed on the and fraudulent. There must therefore be public expenses of the local district. To show apathy displayed in connection with the farmpathway where Chinese police keep guard judgment for delendants with costs. I con- justice the farmer will accept nothing of the ing of similar taxes on a much larger scale in over them. The scene of the accident has all sider the defendants have done a public service proceeds of the sale of the sauggled goods. Kwangiung, I think it should not be overlooked day, been thronged with hundreds of curious in bringing this case into the light of a Law The said Company is to be established after the | that, whereas the Kwangel farm aims at a Chinese and a posse of European and Sikh Court. It appears from the correspondence now regulations of Chap-Yik-tong, Cho lekin tax monopoly-of the whole trade in the articles police were on duty keeping the road clear. in Court that at one time the delendants con- farmer in Kwang-Tung, for a term of twelve farmed, the farm in Kwangtung is established It is not expected that the whole of the ground templated paying late Court a reasonable years. After the term has expired, arrangements merely for the collection of the lekin and taxes the Telegraph, which is always well to the form floor can be got clear until some time to-morrow; amount for a partial loss. I consider defendants will be made. The farmer has sent in the regular without interference with the trade such as with its information, Mr. Howle, who earned so so that il there are more victims under the ruins have rendered a signal service to public opinion | then which they beg to inform the local officers is designed by the Kwangel syndicate. I much notoriety during the war, is, I hear, now i

alore aid articles, they will be brought before the local officers to be severely dealt with. As the prefect of Wuchow has taken this thing into consideration and reported to the Lekin Office and it has met with the approval of the Governor, we therefore issue this joint notification

You, people, must understand that the said Company is to pay to the Government \$10,000 per annum to farm out the lekin deties levied on imported matches and kerosine oil from foreign countries to be imported into all the districts of Kwang. i for sale. The aforesaid articles bearing the trade mark of the said Company pass every barrier without further payment of any lekin tax.

If other people want to import matches and kerosine oil into the Province of Kwangsi they are to pay to the farmer thirty cents for every two tins of keresine oil and two dollars for every box of matches as the lekin tax, and the Company is to give them receipts and trade marks before they can import them into the interior for sale. If the aforesald articles bear no trade marks of the farmer they to said to smuggled goods. The farmer is allowed to bring the offenders before the local officers for punishment. The farmer is not allowed to exercise his power as to impose any tax other than the said Cho lekin tax. Obey this fourth moon's notifi-

THE CHAMBER TO H B M. CONSUL, CANTON. Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,

Hongkong, noth July. Sir,-The attention of this Chamber has the importation of matches and kerosine oil into been directed to a notice issued by the Provinthe province of Kwangsi on the following cial Authorities of Kwangsi announcing the concession to a Chinese merchant (one Loung I .- The collection of the Cho Lekin tax on, all | Kwang Yan) and others the privilege of immatches and kerosine oil imported into the porting matches and kerosine oil into the aboveprovince of Kwangal is farmed out to the named province for a period of twelve years on said Leung Kuang Yuan for a period of 12 terms which constitute it a virtual monopoly years against the yearly payment of a sum | and render the transit pass privilege to a large of \$10,000 to the Government of Wuchau. | extent uselsss, while it cannot fail to severely

The notice, issued in the course of the fourth Chinese Moon, has doubtless ere this come to your knowledge, and you will, probably, have protested against this fresh violation of the Treaties.

My Committee propose addressing Sir Claude MacDonald on the subject, probably by wire, but before doing so they would be glad to have your opinion on the case. Will you 3.—All other merchants who desire to import | kindly favour the Chamber with an early reply, matches or kerosine oil into any district | since, if action is to be taken, the Committee belonging to the province of Kwangsi shall | are of opinion that no time should be lost .-- I have to pay to the said farmer or to his have the honour to be, sir, your most obedient

R. CHATTERTON WILCOX, Secretary.

Canton.

THE CONSUL TO THE CHAMBER.

H. B M's Consulate, Canton, 21st July, 1897. Sir. -I bez to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday on the subject of the new tax on kerosine and matches in the prevince of

Kwangsi. A Chinese syndicate farms the tax and pays for the privilege \$10,000 a year. trade in those articles, and to this extent it is undoubtedly a violation of the treaties. But, apart destination or terminal tax, but it is in reality someone else's house. If you are able to afford an additional import duty, and the intention is a house of your own your furniture-the oldest,

never be put to a test for the simple reason comfortable. that no Chinese will be found bold enough to make the experiment. The Chinese dealer Peltalbo, by which mails despatched from here

wisely keeps to the sale side. Her Majesty's Minister, so that, should your I tion has recently been drawn to the fact that have jointly issued a notice to the effect as | Chamber deem it necessary to address him on | mails to Peking are still being sent by cirt. the subject, your communication will find His This savours of the ultra ridiculous, but is, I am This is to notify that a despatch has been re- Excellency fully posted. As a question of told, in strict accordance with Sir Robert's orders. - Monmouthshie ... tactics I would venture to doubt the expediency The reason for such deliberation is not easy to | Woosung of attacking the precedure in Kwangsi when understand, for where passengers can go surely Dante the same thing on a much larger scale is going mails could follow or accompany them. Besides, Grestes on in Kwangtung. A similar tax is farmed by even though mails sent by rail would be liable to Cluden a syndicate in this province; and within the detention by reason of floods, they are still more | Hallan treaty port of Canton itself, where according to so when taken by confer, and run the additional after paying a duty of about-nine cents per case, satisfactory to know, not yet suffered from floods. a further tax of 30 cents is imposed and has Should it by remarkable good luck excape been imposed for years, without any complaint altogether, the engineers will be a clear year's having been made from any quarter.

As soon as the notice cancelling the privilege is lowing to the nonfulfilment of his prophesy, publicly proclaimed, I shall again communicate with you .- I am, sir, your obedient servant, BYROW BREWAR.

Consul. THE CHAMBER TO THE CONSUL.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,

Hongkong, 23rd July, 1897.

ingsmuch as the semedy for the grievance has merchants alike are getting impatient. There crack over the arch of the wrandah of No. 248 | the godown man not being produced; in lekin tax. Matches and kerosine oil will bear | been already applied by the responsible authori- are only between four and five feet of water in ties. The Committee cannot doubt that the the river, and a great deal of manuværing is

there is very little prospect of their being get and sommercial morality in beinging this case of all the districts of Kwangel They further beg might further beg might further beg might further beg might further being get the Chinese service as an instructor and is into Court. These in Judgment lot detendants to appoint officers to look attendant them was inaugurated these were many stationed at Port Arthur.

qually, and some even more, pressing questions (such as, for instance, the transit pass question) which at that time it was apparently im ossible for Foreign Governments to enforce, and it is therefore less surprising that this particular breach of Treaty rights was not then brought prominently into notice.

The fereign trade in China generally has decided cause for congratulation, in the watchful and energetic attitude now adopted by its present consular and diplomatic representatives. - I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

R. M. GRAY, Chairman, Byton Brenan, Esq. C.M.G. H.B.M's Contul. Canton.

> THE CONSUL TO THE CHAMBER, H B.M. Consulate, Canton,

26th July, 1897. SIR,-Referring to my letter of the grat fast, on the subject of a kerosine oll monopoly in the province of Kwang-si, I beg to inform you that I have received a despatch from the Viceroy here, stating that the syndicate entrusted with the collection of the tax on oil and matches has been instructed To suspend operations .- I am, sir, your obedient servant,

> (signec) BYRON BRENAN.

> > TIENTSIN, July 15th.

The ! haliman, Hongkong General Chamber of - Commerce, Hongkong,

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

(From our Special Correspondent).

The walher here Iste'y has been scorch ing, but, true to precedent, the French festival of the Bastille brought with it a sharp down-pour, and a temporary censation of old Sol's hostillities. The fourteenth is not a very special day in Tientsin, the French community not being of much "count" numerically, in splie of their fine settlement. The usual calls were made at the Consulate, Colonel Wogack attending in full uniform as a matter of course. All Chinese houses in the French

Concession displayed the tricolor, which they are obliged to do, and they are also compelled to set forth their busicess notices in what purports to be "French," with results which are occasionally very ludicrous. In the evening there was a fetat the Consulate, which was illuminated will excellent eff c', and a number of pretty fireworks were let off prior to the guests being reguled with a cold collation in the Consulate grounds.

Now the Fourth and the Fourteenth are over and done with, and nothing remains to us but heat, floods and general misery and discomfort for the next weeks. Tientsin is almost descried. "Everyone"who

is anyone beas flown to the popular summer resort, Peltalho, the Scarborough of China; and if one may believe all that one hears they are all having a very good time of it there. But while the sea mir is no doubt very refreshing, and the sight of mountain green very restful af or the awful, unbroken dreariness of Tlentsin mud, I have my 'doots' whether Peltalho is quite the paradise it is painted. After from 8 a.m. to 5 pm. of joiting on the train's wooden As you point out, the terms of the concession | beaches-unless, of course, you have a drawingvirtually give the syndicate a monopoly of the room car-in heat and dust, you have another two hours on donkey or in a Hongkong chair before you are finally deposited at your destinafrom this, the tax liself is illegal: it is called a ition, which is probably one or two rooms in that it should be collected from Chinese im- roughest and least valuable you can get together porters as soon as the oil is brought into the - has to precede you, with a certain number province, whatever its ultimate destination of "boys" to get things into order. But neither boys nor house can produce the

No Chinese, of course, will venture to protect fesh supplies so essential to physical their oil or matches by taking out transit comfort and health at this season, and fresh passes ; and it is doubtful whether foreign mer- bread and fresh meat are luxurles at l'eltalho ! chants will attempt to use transit passes, be- Fish in abundance is procurable at exorbitant cause the only effect of doing so would be that | rates, and mutton, and chickens, but no ice, and the oil might escape the payment of the tax | there is lacking a good deal more which here in while on the journey, but the tax would never. Tientsin we fancy ourselves unable to do withtheless be exacted from the Chinese purchaser out. But I have not been to Peltaiho yet, and if as it passed into Chinese hands. Chinese would- I ever do go I may get bitten with the same be purchasers are so firmly convinced of this enthusiastic admiration for the place which that they are deterred from entering into con- seems to possess others. At present, however, I tracts to buy oil on these conditions, and the am inclined to the belief that a trip to Japan and threat contained on the proclamation that un- back at the close of the hot season would labelled oil will be confiscated will probably be infinitely more beneficial cheaper and To-day a postal service has commenced to

knows from sad experience that confiscation at 8 a.m. will be delivered there either the same and punishment are sure to follow; and that evening or first thing next morning, which eventual reparation is extremely doubtful, so he is a boon to business men, and lovers, and there will be, I believe, one or two temporarily servered I have brought this matter to the notice of couples this season. Talking of mails, my attenwork to the good. A prophet who facility I judge from conversations I have had with courted extinction at the hands of the Tsungit the Canton officials that the Governor of Yamen, so it is said, by predicting the destruc-Kwangel is likely to withdraw the privileges I tion of a portion of the line on the 14th, is in gran'ed to the syndicate; in fact, I have to-day imminent danger of being made a head shorter received positive 'assurances on this subject. by the magnates of the Board of Punishments,

Very conflicting opinions prevail in Peking about the railway loan, Belgian or otherwise, Namoa but there seems little doubt that sconer or latter not only the Hankow-Peking, but a yet more direct line south will certainly be constructed. Columbia The open question it, Who will do it? There is an impression in some quarters that Russia will have the chief say on the subject, and as Sir.-I have much pleasure is acknowledging | matters now stand it would not be surprising. Just at present Russian attention is centred bye. Baron Gunsberg is at present paying Tien-

affairs and on the strength of it they are building However, pressure is now being brought to bear, and a gentleman versed in the engineering requirements of the river has gone to Peking to interview the loreign Ministers and see if some plan of action cannot be determined on.

By the bye, though this may be a chestnut to

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR

JULY. Meteorological means based on ten years odservations to 1893.

Barometer29.73 Thermometer88 Humidity68 Rainfall

TO-DAY.

WEATHER PEPORT. On date at On date at Barometer Thermometer 83 Humldity..... Rainfall 0.18

Wednesday, 28th July, 1807. Chinese-29th of 6th moon of 23rd year of

Kanomo-sij. lewish -28th Tamus, 5657. Mohammedan-271h Saphar, 1515. Sun-Rises 5hr, 31 min. Sets 6hr. stmin. High water-Morning 7hr. 35min.

Afternoon 10kg. 23min.

Low water-Morning Ohr. 51 min. Afternoon 3hr. 15min. ANNIVERSARIES.

1540-Earl of Essex beheaded. 1750-Sebastian Bach, composer, died. 1704-Robespierre guillotine?

1864-Nanking re-taken by the Imperialists. 1878 - Death of the infant prince Ta-& no-Moye, helr to the Japanese throne. 1888-The s. Lessang wrecked off Port Arthur.

Thursday, 29th July, 1897. Chinese-Ist of 7th moon of 23rd year of Kwong.sii.

(Month of the Festival of All Souls.) Jewish—29th Tomus, 5657. Mohammedan—281A Saphar, 1815.

Sun-Rises 5kr. 31min. Seis 6hr. 41min. Annular Eclipse of the Sun, invisible in Hongkong. High water-Morning 8hr. 15min.

Afternoon 10hr. 32min. Low water-Morning 1hr. 36min. Afternoom 3hr. 46min. ANNIVERSARIES. 1588—The Spanish Armada dispersed by the Biltish Fleet.

1858-Treaty between United States and Japan 1889 - Great earthquake at Komamoto, Japan, 1891-Defeat of the Chinese by the Japanese at

1896-Severe typhoon in Hongkong and Macao ; great damage to house property.

MEMORANDA.

To-MORROW, - 20th July. The final dividend of 5.972 per cent or 18. 21d. in the £ will paid on and after this date at the office of the Charlered Bank to creditors

of the New Oriental Bank, in liquidation.

to a.m.—Regina v. Witchell case at Supreme r a m.—Outward English Mail closes, Noon.—Mirzapore salls for Europe win usual ports of call.

4.15 p.m.-Meeting of the Sanitary Board, 9 p.m .- Pollard's Opera Company, at Theatre

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE: Australian (Airite) 31st inst. French (Saghallen) 3rd prox. Indian (Arratgen Apear) 3rd prox. Canadian (Embress of China) 4th prox. American (Gaelle) 4th prox. Tacoma (Brasmar) 4th prox. Tacoma (Tacoma) 5th prox. American (City of Paking) 13th prox.

THE D. D. R. steamer Aglaia, from Hamburg. left Singapore for this port yesterday, and may be expected here on or about the and prox.

Canadian (Empress of India) 25th prox.

SHIPPING RETURNS. From 6 p.m. yesterday to 5 p.m. to-day. ARRIVALS.

Blsagnosteamer, from Singapore Halphong Portland Wohu Mantung Shanghai .. S. Francisco Hollow Talles Nagasaki

Canton Aggregating, 13,464 tons register.

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Intimations.

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for Chief Manager. For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA Limtted, JOHN THURBURN,

Manager, Hongkong. For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,

G. G. F. AUGUSTIN, For the Bank of China & Japan, Limited,

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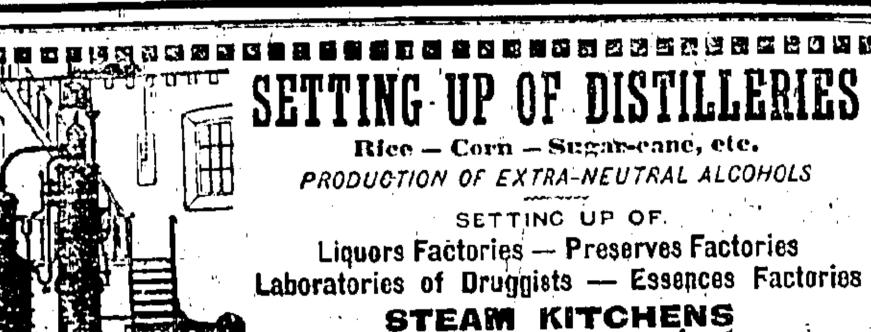
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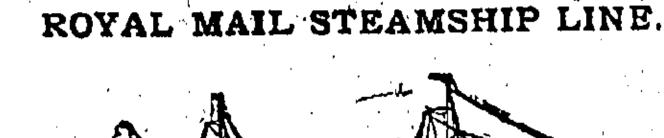
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